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U.S. Application No. 10/537,773

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): Protection disks for breastfeeding mothers, applicable to a mother's breasts ready to give milk, for protecting them and absorbing the flow of milk which comes out spontaneously therefrom, characterised in that they comprise two kinds of disks disk clearly differentiated from each other, of which the disks of the first (2) kind have an appreciably different configuration from those of the second (2') and/or are provided with at least one differentiating tactile and/or optical marking (1), in high relief or in low relief, enabling them to be differentiated from other disks of the second kind, intended for applying to the other breast, which are devoid of said marking or have another different marking.
2. (original): Protection disks for breastfeeding mothers according to claim 1 characterised in that the differentiating tactile and/or optical marking (1) is removable, so that its application in one of the disks of the second kind (2') convert said disk into one of the first kind (2).
3. (currently amended): Protection disks for breastfeeding mothers according to claim 1 characterised in that the disks of the first kind (2) and of the second kind (2') comprise a small deposit, in the form of a bag or inflatable bubble, which constitutes the differentiating marker,

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~~capable of being burst or easily deflated~~ an air bubble which constitutes the differentiating tactile marking, wherein the first kind of disks have their air bubbles inflated and the second kind of disks have their air bubbles deflated or burst.

4. (new): A protection device for a breastfeeding mother, comprising a pair of disks comprising:

a first disk configured to be placed between one of the breastfeeding mother's breast, which is a first breast, and a cup of a bra or other garment so as to directly absorb the flow of milk that comes out from the first breast; and

a second disk configured to be placed between the other of the breastfeeding mother's breast, which is a second breast, and another cup of a bra or other garment so as to directly absorb the flow of milk that comes out from the second breast; and

wherein the first disk is noticeably distinguishable to the breastfeeding mother from the second disk due to one or more of the following:

(a) the first disk having an appreciably different configuration from the second disk,

(b) the first disk having a tactile marking, in high relief or in low relief, not present in the second disk, and

(c) the first disk having an optical marking not present in the second disk; and

wherein the first disk and the second disk do not provide lift support for the breastfeeding mother's breasts.

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5. (new): The protection device according to claim 4, wherein the first disk is noticeably distinguishable to the breastfeeding mother from the second disk due to the first disk having an appreciably different configuration from the second disk.

6. (new): The protection device according to claim 4, wherein the first disk is noticeably distinguishable to the breastfeeding mother from the second disk due to the first disk having a tactile marking, in high relief or in low relief, not present in the second disk.

7. (new): The protection device according to claim 6, wherein the tactile marking is a burst bubble and wherein the second disk has an un-burst bubble.

8. (new): The protection device according to claim 6, wherein the tactile marking is a deformed bubble and wherein the second disk has an un-deformed bubble.

9. (new): The protection device according to claim 4, wherein the first disk is noticeably distinguishable to the breastfeeding mother from the second disk due to the first disk having an optical marking not present in the second disk.

10. (new): A protection device for a breastfeeding mother, comprising a pair of disks configured to be placed between one of the breastfeeding mother's breast and a cup of a bra or other garment so as to directly absorb the flow of milk that comes out from the first breast, each

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disk comprising an outwardly visible and tactile marker in high relief that is a bubble configured to be deflated by the breastfeeding mother, thereby deforming the marker; and
wherein the pair of disks do not provide lift support for the breastfeeding mother's breasts.